

the proposed contract appears to violate. Within ten days of receipt of this termination notification, the board of trade may request that the Commission render a decision whether to approve the designation or to institute a proceeding to disapprove the proposed application for designation under the procedures specified in section 6 of the Act by notifying the Commission that the exchange views its application as complete and final as submitted.

(e) *Delegation of authority.* (1) The Commission hereby delegates, until it orders otherwise, to the Director of the Division of Economic Analysis or to the Director's delegatee, with the concurrence of the General Counsel or the General Counsel's delegatee, authority to request under paragraphs (a)(6) and (b)(5) of this section that the contract market amend the proposed contract or supplement the application, to notify a board of trade under paragraph (c) of this section that the time for review of a proposed contract term submitted for review under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section has been extended, and to notify the contract market under paragraph (d) of this section that the fast-track procedures of this section are being terminated.

(2) The Director of the Division of Economic Analysis may submit to the Commission for its consideration any matter which has been delegated in paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

(3) Nothing in the paragraph prohibits the Commission, at its election, from exercising the authority delegated in paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

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§ 5.2 Dormant contracts.

(a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section:

(1) The term *dormant contract market* means any commodity futures or option contract market:

(i) In which no trading has occurred in any future or option expiration for a period of six complete calendar months; or

(ii) Which has been certified by a board of trade to the Commission to be a dormant contract market.

(2) [Reserved]

(b) *Listing of additional futures trading months or option expirations.* No dormant contract market may list additional months or expirations for trading, or otherwise permit trading to recommence in such a dormant contract market, until such time as the Commission approves, pursuant to section 5a(a)(12)(A) of the Act and § 1.41(b) of these regulations, the bylaw, rule, regulation or resolution of the contract market submitted to the Commission pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Bylaw, rule, regulation or resolution to list additional trading months or expirations.* (1) Any bylaw, rule, regulation or resolution of a contract market to list additional trading months or expirations in a dormant contract market or to otherwise recommence trading in such a contract market shall be submitted to the Commission under section 5a(a)(12)(A) of the Act and § 1.41(b) of these regulations.

(2) Each submission shall include the information required to be submitted pursuant to § 1.41(b) of these regulations and also shall:

(i) Clearly designate the submission as filed pursuant to Commission Rule 5.2.

(ii) Contain an economic justification for the listing of additional months or expirations in the dormant contract market, which shall include an explanation of those economic conditions which have changed subsequent to the time the contract became dormant and an explanation of how any new terms and conditions which are now being proposed by the contract market, or which have been proposed for an option market's underlying futures contract market, would make it reasonable to expect that the futures or option contract will be used on more than an occasional basis for hedging or price basing.

(d) *Exemptions.* No contract market shall be considered dormant until the end of sixty (60) complete calendar months:

(1) Following designation;

(2) Following notice to the contract market that the Commission has reviewed the economic purpose and the terms and conditions of the contract

and has determined in its discretion to permit this exemption; or

(3) Following Commission approval of the contract market bylaw, rule, regulation, or resolution submitted pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

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§ 5.3 [Reserved]

APPENDIX A TO PART 5—GUIDELINE NO. 1; INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT REGARDING ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC INTEREST REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACT MARKET DESIGNATION

For purposes of a board of trade seeking designation as a contract market and thereafter for the purpose of demonstrating continued compliance with the requirements of sections 4c, 5 and 5a(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act, and regulations thereunder, the following shall be provided to the Commission. The board of trade shall furnish to the Commission at its Washington, DC headquarters three copies of the application including the proposed rules.

(a) *For Designation of Contract Markets for Futures—(1) Description of the Cash Market.* In support of the justification and demonstration to be furnished under paragraph (a)(2) of this Guideline, a board of trade shall submit with its application a description of the cash market for the commodity on which the contract is based: *Provided, however,* That no such description is required when the same, or a closely related commodity, is already designated as a contract and is not dormant within the meaning of § 5.2 of this part, and when the terms and conditions of the proposed contract are the same, or substantially the same, as those of the designated contract market. When a particular term(s) or condition(s) of the proposed contract differs from those of the designated contract market, but otherwise is substantially the same, the description of the cash market can be confined to those aspects relevant to the particular term(s) or condition(s). For purposes of this section, the term cash market includes all aspects of the spot and forward markets in which the commodity underlying the contract is merchandised and for which the contract serves a hedging or price basing function. As applicable to the justification of individual contract terms or the contract's hedging or price basing function, the cash market description shall include:

(i) Production of the underlying commodity, including as appropriate, geographical locations and seasonal patterns in the case of tangible commodities and sched-

uled issuances in the case of financial instruments;

(ii) Consumption of the underlying commodity, including, as appropriate, geographic locations and seasonal patterns of intermediate and ultimate consumption in the case of tangible commodities;

(iii) The nature and structure of the cash marketing channels, including the nature and number of marketing institutions, the nature of the forward contracting market, and the manner in which the price of the commodity is determined at various stages in its marketing;

(iv) The prevalent means of communications, methods of financing commodity ownership, and, in the case of tangible commodities, the manner in which tangible commodities are transported and stored; and

(v) Information provided by the board of trade pursuant to this paragraph shall include statistical data when applicable and when reasonably available. Such data shall cover a period of time sufficient to show accurately the historical patterns of production, consumption and marketing of the commodity which are relevant to the pricing or hedging use of the contract and/or the specification of its terms and conditions. In the absence of a justification of providing data from a shorter period, at least five (5) years of such data should be provided. If the board of trade through reasonable effort cannot obtain sufficient data, interviews with, or statements by, persons having knowledge of the cash market may be used to supplement or, if necessary, substitute for quantitative information.

(2) *Justification of Individual Contract Terms and Conditions.* A board of trade shall submit an analysis and justification of significant individual terms and conditions of the contract. Such analysis and justification for each term and condition should be supported in the manner provided by section (a)(1)(v) of the Guideline: *Provided, however,* That no such analysis or justification is required, when a contract on the same or a closely related commodity is already designated as a contract market and is not dormant within the meaning of § 5.2 of this part, and when the terms and conditions of the proposed contract are the same, or substantially the same, as those of the designated contract market. Instead, the individual term(s) or condition(s) of the proposed contract need only be referenced to the original, approved term(s) or condition(s). When, however, a particular term(s) or condition(s) of the proposed contract differs from that of the designated contract market, only the particular term(s) or condition(s) which differs must be analyzed or justified. When the proposed contract is substantially different from a designated contract market which is not dormant within the meaning of § 5.2 of this part, but an individual term(s) or condition(s) is